



' very observable of *many*, that occasionally came amongst us  
 ' *from abroad*, with disregardful Hearts, that what they *saw*  
 ' here *cured* them of such a Temper of Mind: *Strangers*  
 ' were generally surprized to find Things so much *beyond* what  
 ' they had heard, and were wont to tell others that the State  
 ' of the Town could not be conceiv'd of by those that had not  
 ' seen it. The Notice that was taken of it by the *People*  
 ' *that came to Town* on Occasion of the *Court*, that sat here in  
 ' the beginning of *March*, was very observable. And those  
 ' that came from the *Neighbourhood* to our publick *Lectures*,  
 ' were for the most Part remarkably affected. Many that  
 ' came to Town, on one Occasion or other, had their Con-  
 ' sciences smitten, and awaken'd, & went home with wounded  
 ' Hearts, and with those Impressions that never wore off till  
 ' they had hopefully a saving Issue; and those that before had  
 ' serious Thoughts, had their Awakenings & Convictions great-  
 ' ly increased. And there were many Instances of *Persons*  
 ' *that came from abroad*, on Visits, or on Business, that had not  
 ' been long here before to all Appearance they were savingly  
 ' wro't upon, & partook of that Shower of divine Blessing that  
 ' God rained down here, and went home rejoicing; 'till at  
 ' Length the *same Work* began evidently to appear and pre-  
 ' vail in *several other Towns* in the *County*.

' In the Month of *March*, the People in SOUTH-HADLEY  
 ' began to be seized with deep Concern about the Things of  
 ' Religion; which very soon became universal: And the  
 ' Work of God has been very wonderful there; not much,  
 ' if any Thing, short of what it has been here, in Proportion  
 ' to the Bigness of the Place.

' About the same Time, it began to break forth in the  
 ' *west Part* of SUFFIELD (where it has also been very great,)
 ' and it soon spread into all parts of the Town.

' It next appear'd at SUNDERLAND, and soon overspread  
 ' the Town; and I believe was, for a Season, not less re-  
 ' markable than it was here.

' About the same Time, it began to appear in a Part of  
 ' DEERFIELD, called GREEN-RIVER, and afterwards fill'd  
 ' the Town, and there has been a *glorious Work* there.

' It began also to be manifest, in the south Part of HAT-  
 ' FIELD, in a Place called the HILL, and after that the  
 ' *whole Town*, in the second Week in *April*, seem'd to be  
 ' seized, as it were at once, with Concern about the Things  
 ' of Religion; and the Work of God has been *great* there.

‘ There has been also a very general Awakening at WEST SPRINGFIELD, and LONG-MEADOW.

‘ And in ENFIELD, there was for a Time no small Concern amongst some that before had been very loose Persons.

‘ About the same Time that this appear’d at *Enfield*, the Rev. Mr. *Bull* of WESTFIELD informed me, that there had been a great Alteration there, and that more had been done in *one Week* there than in *seven Years* before.

‘ Something of this Work likewise appeared in the *first Precinct* in SPRINGFIELD, principally in the *North* and *South Extremes* of the *Parish*.

‘ And in HADLEY old Town, there gradually appear’d so much of a Work of God on Souls, as at another Time would have been thought worthy of much Notice.

‘ For a *short Time* there was also a very great and general Concern, of the like Nature, at NORTHFIELD.

‘ And wherever this Concern appeared, it seem’d not to be *in vain* : But in every Place God brought saving Blessings with him, and *his Word* attended with his *Spirit* (as we have all Reason to think) return’d *not void*. It might well be said at that Time in all Parts of the County, *Who are these that fly as a Cloud, and as Doves to their Windows?*

‘ As what *other Towns* heard of and found in this, was a great Means of awakening *them* ; so *our* hearing of such a swift, and extraordinary Propagation, and Extent of this Work, did doubtless for a Time serve to uphold the Work amongst us. The continual News kept alive the Talk of Religion, and did greatly quicken and rejoyce the Hearts of God’s People, and much awaken’d those that looked on themselves as still *left behind*, and made them the more earnest that they also might *share* in the great Blessing that others had obtain’d.

[*Revival of Religion in several Towns in CONNECTICUT-COLONY.*]

‘ This remarkable *pouring out of the Spirit of God*, which thus extended from one End to the other of this *County*, was not confin’d to it, but many Places in CONNECTICUT, have partook in the same Mercy : As for Instance, the FIRST PARISH in WINDSOR, under the pastoral Care of the Rev. Mr. *Marsh* was thus blest’d about the same Time, as we in *Northampton*, while we had *no Knowledge* of each other’s Circumstances : There has been a very great Ingathering

‘thering of Souls to CHRIST in that Place. And something considerable of the same Work began afterwards, in EAST WINDSOR, my honoured *Father's* Parish, which has in *Times past*, been a Place favoured with Mercies of this Nature, *above any* on this western Side of *New-England*, excepting *Northampton*; there having been *four or five* Seasons of the *pouring out of the Spirit* to the general Awakening of the People there, since my *Father's* Settlement amongst them.

‘There was also the *last Spring* and *Summer* a wonderful Work of God carried on at COVENTRY under the Ministry of the Rev. Mr. *Meacham*; I had Opportunity to converse with some of *Coventry* People, who gave me a very remarkable Account of the surprizing *Change* that appear'd in the most rude and vicious Persons there.

‘The like was also very great at the same Time in a Part of LEBANON, called the CRANK, where the Rev. Mr. *Wheelock*, a young Gentleman is lately settled: And there has been much of the same at DURHAM, under the Ministry of the Rev. Mr. *Chauncy*; and to Appearance no small Ingathering of Souls there. And likewise amongst many of the *young People* in the *first Precinct* in STRATFORD, under the Ministry of the Rev. Mr. *Gould*; where the Work was much promoted by the remarkable Conversion of a young *Woman* that had been a great Company-Keeper, as it was here.

‘Something of this Work appeared in *several other Towns* in *those Parts*, as I was informed when I was there, the last *Fall*. And we have since been acquainted with something very remarkable of this Nature at another Parish in STRATFORD call'd RIPTON, under the pastoral Care of the Rev. Mr. *Mills*.

‘And there was a considerable Revival of Religion last Summer at NEW-HAVEN old Town, as I was once and again informed by the Rev. Mr. *Noyes* the Minister there, and by others: And by a Letter which I very lately receiv'd from Mr. *Noyes*, and also by Information we have had otherwise, this flourishing of Religion still continues, and has lately much increased: Mr. *Noyes* writes, that *many this Summer have been added to the Church*, and particularly mentions several young Persons that belong to the principal Families of that Town.

‘ There

\* There has been a Degree of the same Work at a Part of  
 \* GUILFORD ; and very considerable at MANSFIELD, un-  
 \* der the Ministry of the Rev. Mr. *Eleazer Williams* ; and  
 \* an unufal religious Concern at TOLLAND ; and something  
 \* of it at HEBRON, and BOLTON.

\* There was also no small Effusion of the Spirit of God in  
 \* the *North Parish* in PRESTON, in the eastern Part of  
 \* CONNECTICUT, which I was informed of, and saw  
 \* something of it, when I was the last *Autumn* at the House,  
 \* and in the Congregation of the Rev. Mr. *Lord*, the Minister  
 \* there ; who, with the Rev. Mr. *Owen* of GROTON, came  
 \* up hither in *May*, the last Year, on Purpose to see the Work  
 \* of God here ; and having heard various and contradictory  
 \* Accounts of it, were careful when they were here to inform  
 \* and satisfy themselves ; and to that End particularly con-  
 \* versed with many of our People ; which they declared to be  
 \* entirely to their Satisfaction, and that the *one Half had not*  
 \* \* *been told them*, nor could be told them. Mr. *Lord* told me  
 \* that, when he got home, he informed his Congregation of  
 \* what he had seen, and that they were greatly affected with  
 \* it, and that it proved the Beginning of the same Work  
 \* among them, which prevailed till there was a *general* Awak-  
 \* ening, and many Instances of Persons, who seemed to be  
 \* remarkably converted. I also have lately heard that there  
 \* has been something of the same Work at WOODBURY.

\* This seems to have been a very *extraordinary* Dispen-  
 \* sation of Providence : God has in many Respects gone out  
 \* of, and much beyond his usual, and *ordinary Way*. The  
 \* Work in this Town, and some others about us, has been  
 \* extraordinary on Account of the *Universality* of it, affect-  
 \* ing all sorts, sober and vicious, high and low, rich and poor,  
 \* wise and unwise ; it reach'd the most considerable Families  
 \* and Persons, to all Appearance, as much as others. In  
 \* former Stirrings of this Nature, the Bulk of the *young* Peo-  
 \* ple have been greatly affected ; but *old Men*, and *little Chil-*  
 \* \* *dren* have been so now. Many of the *last* have, of their  
 \* own Accord, formed themselves into *religious Societies*, in  
 \* different Parts of the Town : A loose careless Person could  
 \* scarcely find a Companion in the whole Neighbourhood ;  
 \* and if there was *any one* that seemed to remain senseless or  
 \* unconcerned, it would be spoken of as a *strange* Thing.

\* This Dispensation has also appeared very extraordinary  
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' in the *Numbers* of those, on whom we have Reason to  
 ' hope it has had a saving Effect : We have about *six hundred*  
 ' and *twenty Communicants*, which include almost all our adult  
 ' Persons. The Church was very *large* before ; but Persons  
 ' never *thronged* into it, as they did in the late extraordinary  
 ' Time : --- Our *Sacraments* are *eight Weeks* asunder, and I  
 ' received into our Communion about an *hundred* before one  
 ' Sacrament, and *four score* of them at one Time, whose  
 ' Appearance, when they presented themselves together to  
 ' make an open explicit *Profession* of Christianity, was very  
 ' affecting to the Congregation : --- I took in near *sixty* be-  
 ' fore the next Sacrament-Day : But it must be noted that  
 ' it is not the Custom here, as it is in many other Churches  
 ' in this Country, to make a credible Relation of their in-  
 ' ward Experiences the Ground of Admission to the Lord's  
 ' Supper.

' I am far from pretending to be able to determine how  
 ' many have lately been the Subjects of such Mercy ; but if  
 ' I may be allowed to declare any thing that appears to me  
 ' probable in a Thing of this Nature, I hope that *more than*  
 ' *three Hundred Souls* were *savingly* brought home to *Christ*,  
 ' in this Town, in the Space of *half a Year*, (how many more  
 ' I don't guess) and about the same Number of Males as Fe-  
 ' males ; which, by what I have heard Mr. *Stoddard* say,  
 ' was far from what has been usual in Years past, for he ob-  
 ' served that in his Time, many more Women were convert-  
 ' ed than Men. Those of our *young People*, that are on other  
 ' Accounts most likely and considerable, are mostly, as I  
 ' hope, truly pious, and leading Persons in Ways of Reli-  
 ' gion. Those that were formerly looser *young Persons*, are  
 ' generally to all Appearance, become true Lovers of God  
 ' and *Christ*, and spiritu in their Dispositions. And I hope  
 ' that *by far the greater Part* of Persons in this Town, above  
 ' 16 Years of Age, are such as have the saving Knowledge  
 ' of *Jesus Christ* ; and so by what I heard I suppose it is in  
 ' some other Places, particularly at *Sunderland & South Hadley*.

' This has also appear'd to be a very extraordinary Dispen-  
 ' sation, in that the Spirit of God has so much extended not  
 ' only his *awakening*, but *regenerating* Influences, both to  
 ' *elderly* Persons, and also those that are *very young*. It has  
 ' been a Thing heretofore rarely to be heard of, that *any*  
 ' were converted past middle Age : But now we have the  
 ' same

‘ same Ground to think, that *many such* have in this Time  
 ‘ been savingly changed, as that *others* have been so  
 ‘ in more early Years. I suppose there were upwards of  
 ‘ *fifty* Persons in this Town above 40 Years of Age ; and  
 ‘ more than *twenty* of them above 50, and about *ten* of them  
 ‘ above 60, and *two* of them above 70 Years of Age.

‘ It has heretofore been looked on as a strange Thing, when  
 ‘ any have seem’d to be savingly wrought upon, and remark-  
 ‘ able changed in their *Childhood* ; but now I suppose, near  
 ‘ *thirty* were to Appearance so wrought upon between 10 and  
 ‘ 14 Years of Age, and *two* between 9 and 10, and *one* of  
 ‘ about 4 Years of Age ; and because I suppose this last will  
 ‘ be most difficultly believed, I will hereafter give a particu-  
 ‘ lar Account of it. The Influences of God’s Spirit have  
 ‘ also been very remarkable on *Children* in some other Places,  
 ‘ particularly at *Sunderland* and *South-Hadley*, and the west  
 ‘ Part of *Suffield*. There are several *Families* in this Town  
 ‘ that are all hopefully pious ; yea, there are several numer-  
 ‘ ous Families, in which, I think we have Reason to hope  
 ‘ that all the *Children* are truly godly, and most of them lately  
 ‘ become so : And there are very few Houses in the whole  
 ‘ Town, into which Salvation has not lately come, in one or  
 ‘ more Instances. There are several *Negroes*, that from what  
 ‘ was seen in them then, and what is discernable in them since,  
 ‘ appear to have been truly born again in the late remarkable  
 ‘ Season.

‘ God has also seem’d to have gone out of his usual Way,  
 ‘ in the *Quickness* of his Work, and the swift Progress his  
 ‘ Spirit has made in his Operations on the Hearts of many :  
 ‘ ’Tis wonderful that Persons should be so suddenly, and yet  
 ‘ so greatly changed : Many have been taken from a loose  
 ‘ and careless Way of Living, and seized with strong Con-  
 ‘ victions of their Guilt and Misery, and in a very little Time  
 ‘ old Things have passed away, and all Things have become  
 ‘ new with them.

‘ God’s Work has also appeared very extraordinary, in the  
 ‘ *Degrees* of the Influences of his Spirit, both in the Degree of  
 ‘ *saving Light*, and *Love*, and *Joy*, that many have experien-  
 ‘ ced. It has also been very extraordinary in the *Extent* of  
 ‘ it, and its being so swiftly propagated from Town to Town.  
 ‘ In former Times of the pouring out of the Spirit of God on  
 ‘ this Town, tho’ in some of them it was very remarkable,  
 ‘ yet

yet it reached no further than this Town, the neighbouring Towns all around continued unmoved.

The Work of God's Spirit seemed to be at its greatest Height in this Town, in the former Part of the *Spring*, in *March* and *April*; at which Time God's Work in the Conversion of Souls was carried on amongst us in so wonderful a Manner, that so far as I, by looking back, can judge from the particular Acquaintance I have had with Souls in this Work, it appears to me probable, to have been at the Rate, at least, of four Persons in a Day, or near thirty in a Week, take one with another, for five or six Weeks together: When God in so remarkable a Manner took the Work into his own Hands, there was as much done in a Day or two, as at ordinary Times, with all Endeavours that Men can use, and with such a Blessing as we commonly have, is done in a Year.

This is the Rev. Mr. EDWARDS's *General Account* of the wonderful *Revival of Religion* not only at *Northampton*, but also in *other Towns* both of the *County of Hampshire* and of *Connecticut Colony*, in the Years 1734, 1735 and 1736. To which we shall subjoin the following ATTESTATION; and for particular Instances of the powerful Influence of the divine Spirit, refer those who desire to read them, to that remarkable *Narrative*.

To the Reverend Benjamin Colman, D. D. Pastor of a Church in *Boston*.

SIR, *Westfield*, Octob. 11. 1738.

IN your Letter of *August* 19. you inform us, that the Rev. Dr. Watts and Dr. Guyse desire that some other Ministers, who were Eye and Ear Witnesses to some of those numerous Conversions in the other Towns about *Northampton*, would attest unto what the Rev. Mr. Edwards has written of them.

We take this Opportunity to assure you, that the Account Mr. Edwards has given in his *Narrative* of our several Towns or Parishes is true; and that much more of the like Nature might have been added with Respect to some of them.

We are, Reverend Sir, Your Brethren and Servants

William Williams, Pastor of *Hatfield*.

Ebenezer Devotion ----- of *Susfield*.

Stephen Williams ----- of *Long Meadow*.

Peter Reynolds ----- of *Enfield*.

Nehemiah Bull ----- of *Westfield*.

Samuel Hopkins ----- of *W. Springfield*.